

Senate Resolution 1

By: Senators Thompson of the 5th, Weber of the 40th, Stoner of the 6th, Harp of the 29th and Zamarripa of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that funds derived from motor fuel taxes may be appropriated for and grant made for all activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public roads and bridges in this state and for any or all transportation purposes; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by striking subparagraph (b) of said Paragraph and inserting in its place a new subparagraph (b) to read as follows:

"(b) An amount of money equal to all money derived from motor fuel taxes received by the state in each of the immediately preceding fiscal years, less the amount of refunds, rebates, and collection costs authorized by law, is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, of each year following, for all activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public roads and bridges in this state; and for any or all transportation purposes as authorized by laws enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia, and for grants to counties by law authorizing ~~road~~ construction and maintenance for transportation purposes, as provided by law authorizing such grants. ~~Said~~ The sum provided for under this subparagraph is hereby appropriated for, and shall be available for, the ~~aforesaid purposes~~ transportation purposes authorized under this subparagraph regardless of whether the General Assembly enacts a general appropriations Act; and said sum need not be specifically stated in any general appropriations Act passed by the General Assembly in order to be available for such purposes. However, this shall not preclude the General Assembly from appropriating for such purposes an amount greater than the sum specified above for such purposes. The expenditure of such funds shall be subject to all the rules, regulations, and restrictions imposed on the expenditure of appropriations by provisions of the Constitution and laws of this state, unless such

1 provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this ~~paragraph. And paragraph; provided,~~
2 however, that the proceeds of the tax hereby appropriated under this subparagraph shall
3 not be subject to budgetary reduction. In the event of invasion of this state by land, sea,
4 or air or in case of a major catastrophe so proclaimed by the Governor, said funds may
5 be utilized for defense or relief purposes on the executive order of the Governor."

6 SECTION 2.

7 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
8 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
9 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

10 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that funds derived from
11 motor fuel taxes may be appropriated for all activities incident to providing
12 () NO and maintaining an adequate system of public roads and bridges and for any
or all transportation purposes authorized by the General Assembly?"

13 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
14 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
15 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
16 become a part of the Constitution of this state.